

REMARKS

These remarks and the accompanying amendments are responsive to the Office Action dated January 3, 2008 (hereinafter referred to as the "Office Action"). At the time of the last examination, Claims 11-14 were pending, of which Claims 11 and 13 are independent. The Office Action rejected Claims 11 and 13, and objected to Claims 12 and 14.

Section 3 of the Office Action rejects Claims 11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by United States patent number 5,778,316 issued to Persson et al. (the patent hereinafter referred to simply as "Persson"). However, Section 4 of the Office Action indicates that Claims 12 and 14 are objected to merely as being dependent upon the rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 11 and 13 have been amended to substantially incorporate all of the material of the correspondence dependent Claims 12 and 14. Accordingly, Claims 11 and 13 are now allowable for at least the reasons provided in Section 4 of the Office Action with respect to Claims 11 and 13. For clarity, the term "slot" has been replaced by "time slot" throughout the claims.

Accordingly, favorable action is respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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